



**£100 billion
and rising.....**

**CUT TRIDENT.
NOT HEALTH,
EDUCATION
AND PUBLIC SERVICES.**

NUCLEAR WEAPONS – EXPENSIVE, IRRELEVANT FOR SECURITY, ILLEGAL IF USED

Britain currently deploys 4 nuclear-armed submarines in Scotland, equipped with US-made Trident missiles and up to 180 warheads. Each warhead is 8 times more powerful than the nuclear bomb that destroyed Hiroshima in 1945. Trident threatens our security. If we ever used it we would cause massive, indiscriminate suffering and violate international law.

SCRAP TRIDENT AND JOIN OTHER COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE A TOTAL BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

New research by eminent scientists and physicians shows that a few nuclear weapons detonated on cities would kill millions and cause radioactive dust clouds, agricultural collapse and terrible famine all over the world. The studies have convinced the Red Cross and many governments to lead a growing international movement to start a process to ban nuclear weapons. Britain is one of only 9 countries still blocking international negotiations on a global treaty to prohibit the use, deployment and production of all nuclear weapons and ensure their total eradication.

DON'T WASTE OUR MONEY ON UNWANTED NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Britain is in economic crisis. Current government plans include building a follow-on to Trident that would cost over £100,000,000,000 to build and deploy. Parliament is not scheduled to decide until 2016, but £2 billion has already been spent on new facilities at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) Aldermaston and Burghfield, which make British nuclear warheads. When the Coalition recently floated the idea of slightly cheaper nuclear alternatives, army chiefs went public to say they don't need or want nuclear weapons at all. Even if the warheads were not constantly deployed they would still waste billions of pounds and pose unacceptable risks. The most sensible and sane policy is to scrap Trident and join negotiations on a global nuclear ban.

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Send your message to the Government, c/o 10 Downing St, London SW1A

Dear Prime Minister David Cameron

The majority of British people **do not** want a new generation of nuclear weapons.

- We demand that you stop taking Trident on patrol and start dismantling the warheads.
- We urge you to cancel all plans to build a new generation of nuclear weapons to replace Trident.
- End Britain's expensive nuclear dependency and spend more on our real security needs, such as education, health and public services, and on tackling climate devastation.
- We call on you to support global efforts to start multilateral negotiations on a comprehensive treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

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Women in Black holds vigils every Wednesday from 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2.
The vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black.
<http://www.womeninblack.org/en/vigil/211> or contact wibifo@gn.apc.org
Donations for leaflets and banners much appreciated.